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SUBJ: ECE WATER COMMITTEE: PREPARATION FOR UN WATER
CONFERENCE

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1. BISHOP INFORMS THAT PLANS ARE TO FINALIZE ECE
REGIONAL REPORT FOR UN WATER CONFERENCE DURING EIGHTH
SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON WATER PROBLEMS, 27 SEPT. - 1 OCT.
REPORT WILL THEN BE SENT TO CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT
WITHOUT FURTHER REVIEW BY GOVERNMENTS.

2. BASIS FOR REGIONAL REPORT WILL BE REUBEN JOHNSON'S
OVERVIEW STUDY (WATER/R.39) WHICH IS NOW BEING REVISED
TO INCORPORATE COMMENTS AND VIEWS EXPRESSED BY GROUP OF
EXPERTS ON ASPECTS OF WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY AT ITS
FOURTH SESSION, 4 JUNE 1976 (WATER/GE.1/8). REVISION WILL
INCLUDE FAIRLY COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF POLICY RECOMMEN-
DATIONS. LONG WILL CARRY BACK BOTH DOCUMENTS.

3. BISHOP STATED THAT GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY
TO PROPOSE NEW ACTION PROPOSALS DURING SEPT. MEETING.
PLANS INCLUDE SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL EVENING SESSIONS
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TO DEAL WITH THIS SUBJECT IF ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUIRED.

4. REVISED AGENDA FOR WATER PROBLEMS COMMITTEE MEETING NOW SHOWS SUBJECT OF UN WATER CONFERENCE AS INITIAL ITEM. APPROXIMATELY TWO FULL DAYS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO IT, ALTHOUGH JOHNSON PAPER AND ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS COMPRISE ONLY ONE OF FOUR COMPONENTS OF THIS AGENDA ITEM WHICH ALSO INCLUDES: PROCEEDINGS OF LONG-TERM PLANNING SEMINAR IN BULGARIA (WATER/R.40); PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMIC INCENTIVES (WATER/R.41); AND FLOOD CONTROL PLANNING (WATER/R.37). CONFERENCE SEC.-GEN. MAGEED WILL PARTICIPATE IN MEETING.

5. U.S. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ADVISED OF ECE PLANS AT ITS AUG. 27 MEETING AND INFORMED THAT APPROPRIATE ECE DOCUMENTS (PARTICULARLY WATER/R.39 AND WATER/GE.1/8) WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS EARLY NEXT WEEK. IMPORTANT THAT THESE DOCUMENTS BE STUDIED AND ANY ADDITIONAL U.S. ACTION PROPOSALS SELECTED BY SEPTEMBER 15. BISHOP WAS PROMISED THAT HE WOULD BE INFORMED BEFORE WATER PROBLEMS COMMITTEE SESSION OF U.S. INTENTIONS TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS AT THAT MEETING.CATTO

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